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*Influenza in Georgetown, S. C.*GEORGETOWN, S. C., *March 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated February 20, 1900 (McE.), in which I am requested to ascertain if possible the source from which the present epidemic of influenza emanated, especially, if from abroad.

I have investigated this matter very carefully, and while I can not say with positive certainty, I firmly believe that the disease was brought to this city from Charleston, S. C., as the first few cases were recognized by me from among the crew of tug *Wm. P. Congdon*, which boat remained at the Charleston docks for some time undergoing repairs.

There have been about 300 cases in this city within the past two weeks. I am, myself, just recovering from a severe attack.

Respectfully,

C. WILLIAMS BAILEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 12, 1900.—I have the honor to report that of the 3 cases of smallpox which broke out in C. P. Diaz, Mexico, some two weeks since, 2 are recovered and the other case is doing well. The Mexican health officers of C. P. Diaz are to be congratulated on the efficiency with which these cases were handled, for an epidemic has been averted.

It has ever been the practice of both the State health officer at this port and myself to enforce a rigid quarantine against C. P. Diaz in the event that smallpox cases were not isolated and properly taken care of, and I must say that in my opinion these measures have stimulated our friends of the "other side" to the point of bearing out in every detail the proper sanitary measures which prevent the spread of smallpox.

In the city of Monclova, Mexico (about 100 miles from here on the Mexican International Railroad), I learn that smallpox is prevailing, most of the people of that place being down with it.

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At the present time there are 2 cases of smallpox in Fort Davis which are traceable directly to the Presidio country, a distance of some 80 miles.

I have received many letters in regard to the stoppage of the entry of smallpox, but have stated that protection has been given to those people long enough to enable them to become vaccinated, stating at the same time that proper vaccination would render individuals immune to the disease.

At present I am complying strictly with the regulations and passing all immunes or properly vaccinated individuals and disinfecting their effects.

Respectfully,

LEA HUME,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

El Paso, Tex., March 10, 1900.—I have the honor to submit the following summary of work for the week ended March 10, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad, 211; inspection of Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad, 26; inspection of 2 excursion trains, 70; inspection of immigrants, 40; disinfection of baggage, blankets, etc., of immigrants, 18; disinfection of household goods, bedding, blankets, 10; disinfection of